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My dear Mac:-

I have your letter of yesterday with reference to the Order of the Crusaders.

I have heard of this organization for the past couple of years and about two years ago had some correspondence with a Captain Orr of Toronto in which he urged me to associate myself with it. Remembering something I had seen in a Toronto paper I asked him who were the leading spirits and in reply he told me that Colonel John Currie of Toronto was the head of the Order in Canada. That, of course, was enough for me and I intimated to Orr that I would take no action at that time.

When I was in Toronto last March a young officer came to see me and preferred the same request. I told him of my correspondence with Orr but made no mention of Currie. This young officer surmised what was in my mind and gave me the assurance that Currie had nothing whatever to do with it, although such had been stated in the Toronto Press. He told me that he, with some ten or fifteen other officers, went to Currie's office and forced him to admit that he had nothing whatever to do with the Order. He gave me certain literature which, I confess, I haven't yet studied other than to read over the objects of the Order which, as you say, seem excellent.